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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 1993

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum contains six additional nominations for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, received after the submission by the Secretary-General of the list of candidates in document CRC/SP/9. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annex to the present document.

2. The annex also contains the biographical data of two candidates nominated for election to the Committee, received after submission of the list of candidates given in document CRC/SP/9.

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Mrs. Amna Mohammed Abdel-Karim Bedri*	Sudan
Mrs. Felicite Ahouandogbo	Benin
Mrs. S. N. Amadhila	Namibia
Mr. Youssouf Mahamane Any*	Niger
Mrs. Ida E. P. Lisk	Sierra Leone
Mrs. Fatoumata Diaraye Diaby	Guinea
Mrs. Maria Esperanza Ruesta de Furter	Venezuela
Mrs. Marília Sardenberg Zelner Gonçalves	Brazil

* Listed in document CRC/SP/9 prior to receipt of biographical data from the nominating Government.

Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

Mrs. Amna Mohammed Abdel-Karim Bedri (Sudan)

[Original: English]

Personal information

Name: Amna Mohammed Abdel-Karim Bedri

Birth date and place: 13 June 1953, Omdurman, Sudan

Marital status: Married; three children

Qualifications

1. Omdurman Secondary School for Girls: 1966-1970

2. University of Khartoum, Faculty of Arts: 1971-1977
   B.A. Honours Degree in English language and literature

3. Diploma in French language, Language of Toura, France, 1972 - University of Poitiers

4. Postgraduate Diploma, Linguistics and English Language Teaching, Moray House College of Education, Edinburgh, 1987

5. M.A. TESOL (Teaching English to speakers of other languages)

Posts

1. Secretary-General, National Council for Child Welfare, 1992

2. Lecturer, Head of English Dept., Girls College, Omdurman Islamic University, 1991-1992

3. Coordinator of Childhood Programmes, Ministry of Social Welfare, 1989-1991

4. Lecturer, English language and literature, Girls College, Omdurman Islamic University, 1984-1989

5. Part-time Lecturer in English literature, College of Education, University of Khartoum, 1988-1992

6. Part-time Lecturer, English literature, Omdurman Ablia College, 1988-1992

7. Part-time English language teacher, Abfad College for Girls, 1988-1991

8. Part-time Demonstrator in Spoken Arabic, Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, 1987

Membership in organizations

1. Secretary-General of the Social Secretariat Sudanese Women's Union, 1990-1992

2. Member of Board of Directors, Sudan House for Printing and Publishing, 1990-present

3. Member of Board of Directors, Sudanese Organisation for Welfare the Homeless Children

4. Head of Secretariat of the Conference on Sudanese Children, Sept. 1990

5. Member of the Conference on Issues concerning Higher Education in Sudan, 1991

6. Member, Steering Committee of the Conference of Sudanese Women, Jan. 1990

7. Member, Steering Committee of the International Year of the Family, 1992

Publications

- General Literacy of Factual Publications in English and Sudanese, New Horizon newspaper and some other in foreign publications such as African presence

- Several publications in Arabic newspapers and magazines in Sudan and abroad

- Translations of articles in Arabic newspapers and magazines on different social issues, especially those concerning women and children

Conferences attended

- International Conference on Assistance to African Children, Dakar, 1992

- World Summit for Children, New York, 1990

- Seminar on the Care of Children, Khartoum, 1991

- Seminar on Teaching English in Sudanese Universities, Khartoum, 1990

- Seminar on the Role of NGOs in the Extensive Immunization Programme, Khartoum, 1989

- Conference on Teaching Women Studies in Sudanese Universities, Khartoum, 1988

- Conference on Social Development in Sudan, Khartoum, 1991

Mrs. Felicite Ahouandogbo (Benin)

[Biographical data will be issued in a further addendum to the note by the Secretary-General when received from nominating Government.]

Mrs. S. N. Amadhila (Namibia)

[Original: English]

Name: AMADHILA, S. N.

Date of birth: 6 August 1951

Place of birth: Ondangwa

Citizenship: Namibian

Marital status: Married; three children (aged 13, 9 and 4 years)

Profession: Paediatrician

Occupation: Permanent Secretary

Employer: Ministry of Health
Government of the Republic of Namibia

High school education

1970: Passed Standard 10 at Ongwediva Training College

University education

1977: Obtained MBCHB degree at the University of Natal, Republic of South Africa

Experience

1978:	Internship, Oshakati Regional Referral Hospital
1979-1980:	Medical Officer, Oshakati State Hospital
1981:	Senior Medical Officer, Oshakati State Hospital
July 1981-1985:	Resident Department of Paediatrics, Tygerberg Hospital, South Africa
1985:	Obtained Master of Medicine (Paediatrics), University of Stellenbosch, South Africa
1986-1990:	Consultant Paediatrics, Oshakati State Hospital
1990 to date:	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health

Service on other bodies

- Member of the Advisory Committee of the Commonwealth Regional Health Community Secretariat, Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania

- Member of the Committee to establish a Medical College in Namibia

- Member of the Tender Board

- Chairman of the Policy Advisory Committee on the National Plan of Action for Children in Namibia

- Chairman, Board of Trustees, Church Hospital Medical Aid and Pension Fund

Hobbies

- Read, especially literature on children and welfare issues

- Music

- Involved in community activities pertaining to children's welfare

Mr. Youssouf Mahamane Any (Niger)

[Original: French]

Name: YOUSSOUF MAHAMANE ANY

Date of birth: 24 May 1950

Marital status: Married

University degree: Diploma of the Ecole de la Magistrature, Paris

Languages spoken and written: English and French

Other diplomas

1978: Maîtrise (Master's degree) in public law from the University of Benin, Togo

1977: Licence in public law from the University of Benin, Togo

1975: Diploma of General University Studies, Benin, Togo

1972: Baccalauréat (School Leaving Certificate (series A), Lycée National de Niamey

Professional experience:

1980: Procureur de la République (Government Procurator), Court of Maradi

1981: Procureur de la République (Government Procurator), Court of Tahoua

1984: Substitut Général (Deputy Procurator), Niamey Court of Appeal

1988: Director of Judicial Affairs, Ministry of Justice

1989: Premier Substitut Général (Senior Deputy Procurator), Niamey Court of Appeal

1990-present: Conseiller (Justice), Niger Supreme Court

Administrative activities:

- Member of the drafting committee for the Family Code and Rural Code
- National Consultant to the Permanent Secretariat for the Rural Code
- Chairman of the National Commission to Combat Drug Abuse

- Counsellor (Justice), Administrative Division of the Supreme Court

- Counsellor (Justice), Judicial Division of the Supreme Court

Scientific activities

1980: Course in social law at the Lycée Technique of Maradi

1988-present: Tutor and member of the examining board for theses submitted in fulfilment of the requirements for the diploma of the National School of Administration, Niamey

Memberships

- Founding member of the independent trade union for judges

- Vice-President of the Niger Association to Combat Alcoholism and Drug Addiction

International experience

- Representative of Niger at the 1986 HONLEA meeting in Addis Ababa

- Representative of Niger at the Lomé meeting on the harmonization of legislation on drug abuse control in West Africa, 1988

- Member of the Niger delegation to the ANAD meeting (Abidjan, 1988): judicial convention and mutual assistance

- Seminars on drug addiction held in Italy, Senegal and Burundi

Experience in the field of human rights

- Human rights activist since 1974

- Founding member of the independent trade union for judges and promoter of numerous seminars on international humanitarian law

Publications and articles

- "Le non-alignement: mythe ou réalité", 1978

- "La zone pastorale", 1990

- "Code rural et pastoralisme: situation actuelle et propositions"

- Author of several articles appearing in the press

Mrs. Ida E. P. Lisk (Sierra Leone)

[Biographical data will be issued in a further addendum to the note by the Secretary-General when received from nominating Government.]

Mrs. Fatoumata Diaraye Diaby (Guinea)

[Original: French]

I. Civil status

Name: DIABY, Fatoumata Diaraye

Date and place of birth: 4 October 1957, Boke

Daughter of: Elhadj M'BEMBA DIABY and SIATA FOFANA

Marital status: Married; one daughter

Profession: Judge, Rank: A

Present post: Judge responsible for child welfare in the Secretariat of State for Social Affairs, the Advancement of Women and Child Welfare

II. Education	Diplomas
Primary, 3 October 1964-1970 at Boke	C.E.P.E.
Secondary, 3 October 1970-3 October 1973, College	Diploma
Lycée, 3 October 1975-3 October 1976	Baccalauréat Unique (School Leaving Certificate)
University, 4 October 1976-3 October 1980	
3 October 1981-3 October 1982	Law degree, Conakry University

Thesis topic: "The concept of immovable property in Guinea"

III. Posts held

1990-1991: Internship in the Ministry of Transport (Vocational Training Division)

1981-1986: Judge for civil matters, chambers of the President of the Court of First Instance, Conakry I

1986-1988: Secretariat of State for Social Affairs (Chief of the Legal and Litigation Division)

1988-1990: Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Child Welfare Officer

1991-1992: Secretariat of State for Social Affairs, the Advancement of Women and Child Welfare

Training and professional experience

- Workshop on the status of children and the rights of the child (GASDEC-UNICEF)

- Round table on the Convention on the Rights of the Child organized by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment following adoption of the Convention by Guinea

- National seminar on the supervision of young children (Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment/UNICEF)

- ACARTSOD/Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment seminar

- National seminar on the prevention of handicaps and the education, sports activities and vocational training of the handicapped persons

- Project assistant, UNICEF/Government of Guinea early childhood project (cooperation strategy 1991-1995)

- Seminar on the Family and Health Code (Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment/Guinea Association for Family Welfare)

- Six-month training course in public administration and management of development cooperation at the Advanced School of Public Administration, Reggio di Calabria, Italy. Thesis topic: "The policy of decentralization in the Republic of Guinea" (in Italian)

- UNICEF project consultant with an emergency operation for Liberian refugee children (Transit centre for unaccompanied children in Conakry, November-December 1991)

- Seminar on Workers' Education with the collaboration of Public Services International (October 1991)

- International Seminar on Decentralization and Problems of Local Government Authorities and Management, organized by the Rome Advanced School of Public Administration and held at Dakar, Senegal, in March 1992

- Seminar on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Police in Guinea, organized by the Peace and Development Association/UNICEF and held at CEDUSTE, Conakry, May 1992

- Study tour to Burkina Faso and Senegal for the exchange of experiences in the areas of family planning and the family code

- Seminar on the Convention on the Rights of the Child for professionals involved in the administration of justice dealing with the issues of adoption, parental responsibility and the child within the family, organized by the Peace and Development Association/UNICEF, 6 and 7 July 1992, at CEDUSTE, Conakry

- Participated in consultations on the initial report of Guinea on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, September 1992, Conakry

- Chief Consultant of the Guinea Association for Family Welfare

- Member of the National Committee of the Guinea Association for Family Welfare, and legal counsel. Topic: "The collection and analysis of documentary sources on the family with a view to the drafting of a Family Code in the Republic of Guinea", October 1992

- Recipient of a medal awarded by the Guinea Scouts' Association for efforts in the field of the supervision of young children and youths in the Republic of Guinea, Conakry, 20 November 1992

- Testimonial from the Guinea Association for Family Welfare, October 1992

- Languages spoken: French, Italian

María Esperanza Ruesta de Furter (Venezuela)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth

27 April 1930, Spain; married; one daughter, María Pilar Furter Ruesta

Education

Basic:

1937-1948: Colegio de San José de Tarbes, Caracas

Pre-university:

1948-1949: Liceo Fermín Toro, Caracas

University:

1949-1955: Central University of Venezuela, Caracas

Degree thesis

1956: "Family placement in the Minors Statute", published by Ediciones Consejo Venezolano de Niño, Caracas

Academic degree

Doctorate in political and social sciences, Central University of Venezuela, 1956.

Specialized study

- Internships with juvenile courts and government agencies dealing with the welfare of children and adolescents: Venezuela (Venezuelan Children's Council: 1952), Spain (juvenile courts and various specialized institutions in Madrid, Seville, Granada, Vitoria and Huesca: 1953), United States of America (Children's Bureau, Department of Health, Education and Welfare: January-February 1959), United Kingdom (Home Office Children's Department: March-June 1959), France (International Children's Centre: July-September 1959, and the Palais de Justice (Law Courts) in the field of legislative reforms relating to adoption: September-November 1959) and Switzerland (Geneva General Guardianship Services: December 1959);

- Research on the organization of municipalities in various Swiss cantons (1970-1972);

Specialized courses:

1953 (July): Seminar course on troubled adolescents, Vitoria, Spain;

1959 (July-August): Seminar course on the problems of children without families (International Children's Centre, Paris, France);

1961-1962: Postgraduate course on integrated planning, Centre for Development Studies (CENDES), Central University of Venezuela.

Foreign service:

Since April 1974, diplomatic service with the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations (present rank: Counsellor).

Member of the Venezuelan delegation to various United Nations conferences and meetings of committees, commissions and working groups, including conferences of the International Labour Organisation, assemblies of the World Health Organization, the WHO Executive Board, Executive Committee of UNHCR, the Commission on Human Rights (including serving as Rapporteur of the Commission at the forty-third session and alternate representative of Venezuela at the forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions).

The records of the Secretariat may be consulted for a complete list of conferences and meetings attended and tasks performed.

Also participated in a personal capacity in numerous conferences, commissions and boards dealing specifically with the problem of children, in particular the Venezuelan Children's Council and the committee of the YMCA study centre.

The records of the Secretariat also contain a complete list of such meetings.

Publications

1963 (September): Course organized by the International Children's Centre, Paris, for juvenile court judges, entitled "Problems posed by the adolescent";

September 1964-June 1965: Seminar on political, economic and social factors affecting contemporary society, conducted by the Overseas Education Fund at Wellesley College, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America;

October 1970-July 1972: Two-year course on "Educational problems of modernization", Institute for Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

Other professional qualifications

- Lawyer, Federal District Bar Association;

- Substitute Judge, Second Juvenile Court of the Federal District and Miranda State Judicial District, and Associate Justice of the Superior Juvenile Court, from 1959 to 1970;

Public service

- 16 July 1949-15 November 1951
  Assistant, Technical Advisory Service, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Caracas;

- 1952-1953
  Venezuelan Children's Council (CVN), recipient of an advanced training grant;

  Deputy Secretary of the Second Juvenile Court of the Federal District, Caracas (15 August 1955-15 September 1955);

- 29 October 1955-3 February 1956
  Adviser to the Committee on the Reorganization of the Family Placement and Adoption Service of the Venezuelan Children's Council, Caracas;

- 1 July 1957-15 April 1960
  Officer in charge of the Discharge and Probation Section (supervision of juveniles released from institutions for children with behavioural problems) of the Venezuelan Chilren's Council, Caracas;

- 15 April 1960-30 April 1963
  Head of the Extrainstitutional Assistance Department, Venezuelan Children's Council, Caracas (with national technical and administrative responsibility for the Discharge and Probation Section, the Family Placement Section and the Adoption Section);

Private sector experience:

- May 1963 to December 1965
  Member of the technical team of the Federation of Private Child Welfare Institutions (FIPAN), Caracas;

- 1966-April 1970
  Executive Director of the Federation of Private Child Welfare Institutions (FIPAN), Caracas;

Return to the public sector and entry into the foreign service:

- April 1970-July 1972
  Fundacomún contract to study social policy of selected Swiss municipalities - Neuchâtel, Switzerland;

- August 1972-January 1974
  Adviser, Community Action Division of the Foundation for Municipal Development and Promotion, Caracas, Venezuela.

Mrs. Marília Sardenberg Zelner Gonçalves (Brazil)

[Original: English]

Graduate from the Pontificial Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Graduate from the Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (Instituto Rio-Branco).

Graduated from the Diplomatic Special Training Course of the Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations.

Present assignment:

Executive Coordinator to the Office of the Secretary-General of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia, Brazil.

Participation in international meetings and events:

- Delegate, sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (1988-1989-1990);
- Observer, thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1988-1989);
- Member, Commission on Human Rights Working Group on the Question of a Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1988-1989;
- Delegate, thirty-eighth to fortieth sessions of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1987-1988-1989);
- Rapporteur, thirty-ninth session of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1988);
- Member, Working Group of the Executive Committee of the programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees mandated by the Economic and Social Council to study an enhanced participation of observers at the sessions of the Executive Committee (1988);
- Delegate, International Conference on Central American Refugees, Guatemala City (1989);
- Adviser, Meeting of Intergovernmental Experts on Shared Natural Resources, Nairobi (1978);
- Delegate, twentieth session of the IAEA General Conference, Rio de Janeiro (1976);

- Delegate, International Conference on Women, Mexico City (1975);

- Delegate, twenty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York (1974);

- Member, Brazilian delegation to the Group of Governmental Experts for the Restructuring of the United Nations (Group of 18) (1986);

- Representative, UNICEF Seminar on the Draft Convention on the Rights of the Child for Portuguese-Speaking Countries, Lisbon (1988);

- Representative, United Nations Seminar on Cultural Dialogue between Host Countries and Countries of Origin of Migrant Workers, Athens (1989);

- Delegate, Extraordinary session of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1990);

- Delegate, thirty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Vienna (1991);

- Governmental Expert, Meeting of Experts to consider the viability of an Inter-American Convention on Women and Violence, Caracas, Venezuela (1991);

- Governmental Expert, Commission on the Status of Women Working Group on Violence against Women, Vienna (1991);

- Delegate, Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, forty-sixth session, New York (1991);

- Governmental Expert, Commission on the Status of Women Working Group on Violence against Women, Vienna (1992);

- Alternate to the Brazilian member, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1990-1994);

- Alternate to the Brazilian delegate, Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS) (since 1992);

Recent assignments:

- Adviser to the Under-Secretary-General for Coordination and Planning, Brasilia (1985);

- Adviser to the Under-Secretary-General for Multilateral Political Affairs, Brasilia (1985-1986);

- Adviser to the Under-Secretary-General for Administration, Brasilia (1986-1987);

- First Secretary, Brazilian delegation for disarmament and human rights, Geneva (1987-1990);

- Counselor - Adviser to the Secretary-General of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (1990-1991);

- Executive Coordinator to the Office of the Secretary-General of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia (since 1992).